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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Cham et al.)
Serial No. 10/601,656) Art Unit: 1648
Filed: June 20, 2003) Examiner: Stacy B. Chen
For: A Method of Treating and Preventing)
Infectious Diseases Via Creation of a Modified)
Particle With Immunogenic Properties)

FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action, mailed December 7, 2004, with a four-month period of response expiring on April 7, 2004, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims based upon the following remarks. Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to expire on April 7, 2005, to file a Response to the Non-Final Office Action. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 11-0855.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 7, 2005.

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